

Town Article 28 – Disabled Veterans Credit Increase

This article will provide a \$500 increase to the current property tax credit of \$2,500 for Veterans who were honorably discharged and are 100% Permanently and Totally Disabled, as determined by the Department of Veteran Affairs. This tax credit also applies to their surviving spouses. In 2004, the Town adopted Warrant Article 41 (amended by Warrant Article 33 in 2005) providing a tax credit of \$2,000 on residential property for Veterans with a service-connected total disability, replacing the standard tax credit per RSA 72:35. (1) An estimated total of 34 Raymond Veterans/spouses will be affected. (2) A majority vote is required for passage. Estimated tax impact is \$0.01 per thousand of tax valuation or \$2.00 on a \$200,000 home.

A YES vote will increase the residential tax credit to \$3,000 for Veterans determined to be 100% Permanently and Totally Disabled and for their surviving spouses.

A NO vote would not increase that tax credit, maintaining it at \$2,500.

Reasons why some voters might vote yes:

- Wish to provide a \$500 tax credit increase to qualifying Veterans and surviving spouses, for a total of \$3,000.

Reasons why some voters might vote no:

- Want to maintain the current tax credit of \$2,500 for qualifying Veterans and their surviving spouses.

References:

1. RSA 72:35 I-a. The optional tax credit for service-connected total disability, upon adoption by a city or town pursuant to RSA 72:27-a, shall be an amount from \$701 up to \$4,000. The optional tax credit for service-connected total disability shall replace the standard tax credit [of \$700] in its entirety and shall not be in addition thereto.
2. The cost will be about \$10,000. Next year, the amount will be included in the Town budget rather than in a warrant article. The goal is to achieve the State maximum of \$4000. -Town Manager Joe Isley, speaking to the Budget Committee, 10/13/20.